

Bedford Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2011

Present: D. Corey, R. Pappert, R. Slechta, A. Yates
Visitor: Lorrie Dunham

Lorrie Dunham was greeted as a prospective member of the HPC. She is currently a member of the HDC and the Library Trustees, has lived in Bedford most of her life and is interested in as well as familiar with Bedford's history. In order to accommodate her, members voted 4 – 0 to change the HPC meeting time from the 2nd Tues. to the 1st Tues. of the month starting in August. RS will see to it that an application for Volunteer Service is sent to her.

1. Minutes of the meeting of June 14 were approved 4 – 0.
2. No financial report was available, but DC reported that a voucher was submitted in June for \$895 for purchase of a bench for Fawn Lake site to honor Mimi Adler and \$62.44 for a legal ad for the public meeting held regarding the Old Bedford Center Survey and Planning Grant to study expansion of the NRD. The remainder of the FY2011, about \$150, was returned to the town's general funds. A new FY2012 budget of \$1220 has been established for the HPC.
3. Consultant K.K. Broomer has completed and been paid for her study required by the Old Bedford Center Survey and Planning Grant for proposed expansion of the NRD and DC, the local coordinator, will file a completion report and arrange for the town to receive \$4000 in reimbursement as per the provisions of the grant.
4. The Old Depot Passenger building exterior will be painted in colors matching those of the Freight House with \$15,000 of CPC funds left over from a previous allocation for a new roof. There is a discussion going on the Depot Park Advisory Committee about possibly restoring the original features of the exterior of the building.
5. There is no further information on completion of landscaping work at the Old Burying Ground.
6. The MOU regarding preservation and maintenance of the Job Lane farm has been verbally approved by the Town Counsel, Town manager, Facilities Dept., FJLH, and the HPC. After further review by the DPW, the document will be signed by all parties.
The telephone at the JLH is in operation, but the answering machine is not when the electricity is off.
The Facilities Dept. has agreed that 100 amp electrical service should be provided to the barn. AY will meet with the town electrician to further discuss the matter.
Ralph Hammond of the FJLH BOD suggested that the Rotary Club may be able to help once specifics are available.
On Sunday, July 10, tours of the house were held together with crafts for the children. DC placed 3' wire fencing around the apple trees and , with son Peter, also removed blackberries and

brush near the north barn door, freeing several pieces of old rusted farm machinery which were moved to the south side of the barn. They also planted rhubarb in the cleared area. Blueberry bushes are still alive, but not thriving.

The Dutton family recently donated the original deed conveying the property from the Lanes to the Duttons in 1843. It will be protected and placed in the BHS archives as well as on the FJLH website.

7. Work at the Wilson Mill Park site should begin very soon.

8. There was a brief discussion about recruiting other new HPC members. RP suggested the possibility of high school students, but they must be of legal voting age. DC said he would put an article in the Sept. issue of the BHS newsletter.

9. Jeremy Poe's Eagle Scout project at the Bacon-Fitch Mill site has been completed. The pathway to the site is cleared and covered with mulch and brush has been removed from within the foundation ruins. DC reports an abundance of poison ivy which he will try to get sprayed.

10. The placement of the Mimi Adler memorial bench at Fawn Lake has been approved by the Conservation Commission which has purvey over the area, A bench memorial to former Town Moderator, Bob Folweiler is already in place there.

The Commission voted 4 – 0 to approve expenditure of \$513 from the new FY2012 HPC budget to cover the costs of the Adler plaque and shipping of the bench.

11. New business – another biennial refresher review of Open Meeting rules and ethics, required by the state, is under way. Members will probably be receiving further information from the Town Clerk.

12. Old Business – RS presented a possible new version of HPC's Application for Demolition. AY proposed some changes which she will incorporate and get approved by the members.

NOTE ---- Next meeting will be on Tues., August 2 at 7:30 – reflecting the change in meeting schedule to the first Tues, of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

R.F. Slechta
Acting Clerk